

REPORT OF THE AOAC UNIT  
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JOINT LIAISON COMMITTEE OF THE ASTM, AOCS, AND AOAC

The Liaison Committee serving the American Oil Chemists Society, the American Society for Testing and Materials, and the Association of Official Analytical Chemists held its one meeting during the past year at the ASTM Headquarters in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 23, 1966. Those present were as follows:

<u>AOAC</u>	<u>AOCS</u>	<u>ASTM</u>
C. O. Willits	R. T. O'Connor	D. S. Bolley
L. G. Ensminger		R. J. Sobatzki
David Firestone		L. C. Gilbert, Secretary

Those absent were E. M. Sallee and E. Handochumaker, AOCS, and R. L. Terrill, ASTM. In the absence of Chairman Terrill, Mr. Gilbert (ASTM) called the meeting to order and chaired it. The following actions were taken to bring about better communication among the member societies so that each could be kept informed of the activities of the others.

AOAC, through Mr. Ensminger, will furnish lists of new or reassigned projects as well as any changes in existing standard methods to Dr. Sallee for distribution in AOCS, and to Mr. Gilbert for distribution in ASTM

AOCS will furnish the minutes of meetings and the semiannual reports of appropriate committees of AOCS to Mr. Ensminger for distribution in AOAC and to Mr. Gilbert for distribution in ASTM.

ASTM, through Mr. Gilbert, will send minutes of appropriate committee meetings, particularly those of E-15, together with ASTM annual reports to Mr. Ensminger for distribution in AOAC and to Dr. Sallee for distribution in AOCS.

Mr. Gilbert informed the intersociety committee of the interest expressed by the Institute of Food Technology in maintaining liaison with them and Mr. Gilbert was instructed to write a letter of invitation for IFT participation.

To make the intersociety liaison objectives more effective it was agreed that the official publication of each society, such as the "Materials Research and Standards in ASTM" should carry publicity articles on the activities of the intersociety liaison committee.

It was reported that throughout the year there has been positive indications of the useful purpose that the committee is serving. A number of E-15 (ASTM) committee members have been directed to proper contacts in AOAC on problems relating to new studies. For example, Committee D-2 expressed interest in AOAC's activity in hazardous substances in petroleum distillates.

Since the meeting of the committee, a communication was received from the American Association of Cereal Chemists requesting that they be permitted to join with the AOAC, ASTM and AOCS in their joint work on analytical methods.

The aims of the intersociety liaison committee are already being realized and much more can be expected in the years to come. The joint committee however restated that its purpose is not to participate in round-robin or collaborative tests, but rather as a clearing house for the referral of data and information to the respective society as an aid in the development of new or revised standard methods.

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